



# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Classes

This week, **KS1** have enjoyed looking at different story settings and used excellent descriptive language to describe them. We have also been using our senses to explore Autumn and are busy collecting Autumn “finds” to add to our Autumn box. With the Harvest Festival fast approaching we have been talking about why harvest is important to us. In Maths we have been learning the months of the year – ask to see the dance!

Mrs Grace has been really pleased with **KS2's** attitude to assessment this week. Everyone has really tried their best and concentrated hard on the tests that they had to do.

Years 3 and 4 had a “mud hippo” session to find out more about mud. Only two creatures joined the class (rather reluctantly) please ask.

Years 5 and 6 took part in Tag Rugby at Whitby Rugby Club on Thursday afternoon. It was an excellent experience and everyone had a good go at the game. It was a relatively new game for us but Mrs Medcalf said everyone was very sporting and had a very good go at it. Well done!

## PTFA News

Many thanks to the PTFA for their work and organisation with the Coffee Morning last Saturday, and to everyone who supported it, when over £129 was raised!

### Chairperson

Would anyone like to be chair of the Castleton PTFA? We would be very grateful if someone out there would like to volunteer for this role! As previous chairs know, it has its ups and downs but we are always very grateful to our chairs - and the PTFA could not thrive without this person.

Please let us know if you are interested.

## Thank you Karen!

Karen Thompson's last day as our caretaker/cleaner was today. We would like to thank Karen very much for keeping our school so clean and taking care of the premises so well. We wish Karen all the best for the future.

## Party invitations

Please could we request that invitations to parties are given to the class teacher to put in children's bags? We realise everyone can't be invited to every party but this will avoid children feeling very left out when there are only one or two in the class not invited - and they are one of them! Unfortunately this is one of the hazards of a small school and we don't want children to feel upset about not being included. Thank you.

## School Sport Kit

Please could everyone check at home to see if there are any of the federation navy shorts and football socks that are used for the sports fixtures, as a lot are missing in both schools! They are needed for events that are happening at the moment and if any are found please could you return them on Monday. Thank you.

## Information from Stokesley School and Esklets Playgroup

Stokesley School have asked us to pass on the following information:-

*Following our conversion to a multi academy trust, Stokesley School are consulting on a revised admissions policy. Could you please make the parents and carers of your pupils aware of the consultation, which can be found on our website at <http://www.stokesleyschool.org/information/admissions/>*

Esklets Playgroup at Danby is now no longer open on Wednesday mornings but is open all day on Thursday instead. They are also offering a “Messy Play” session for children aged 0-2 years plus parent/carers on Monday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm.

## Harvest Festival on Wednesday, (14<sup>th</sup> October) and World Food Week

The Harvest Festival will be held in Castleton Church on Wednesday at 10am. We would love to see you there! This year, we are collecting canned food so we can contribute to the Food Banks for people who are struggling. If you wish, you can also send monetary donations in as the Harvest Festival also ties in with World Food Week which NYCC are supporting. The World Food Programme is the food aid arm of the United Nations - the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide and is funded entirely by voluntary donations. The campaign is running with the aim of providing as many meals as possible for less fortunate children where a school meal may be the only meal they have that day. Also, for World Food Week, NYCC have created a school dinner menu with an international feel.

## Advance Notices

- **Parents Evening, Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October**

There is a Parents Evening a week on Monday. Lists will be put up in each classroom for you to make appointments. Please give us a ring if you will not be in school and you would like us to make an appointment for you.

- **Christmas Shoe Box/Bag Appeal – Convoy Aid Romania**

As usual, we are sending shoe boxes/bags to the above Charity and please find information attached. You will note that they would preferably like the items putting into a plastic bag, rather than a shoe box, and the donation is 50p (please do not put this in the box/bag – we will place the donations in a separate container). The boxes/bags must be brought into school before they are collected on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. They also take dog and cat food for abandoned animals.

- **“Wear it Pink” Fundraising Day for Breast Cancer, Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

It would be lovely if everyone could wear something pink to school on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Please can children give any donations to the class teacher.

- **Years 1 and 2 Flu Immunisations**

This is taking place in school on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at around 2 to 2-15pm.

## Next Week

World Food Week

<b>Sunday</b>	Whitby Rotary Club Octoberfest Run at Caedmon School
<b>Monday</b>	Sumdog Club
	Harvest Festival rehearsal at Church, 11am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Netball League, Goathland School, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
	<b>NO Sewing Club</b> (due to the Netball)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Harvest Festival at Church, 10am
	Netball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Girls Football at Eskdale School, 1.30pm to 3.15pm
<b>Friday</b>	Football Club

## News from Glaisdale

Both classes have been busy undertaking assessments this week and also eagerly preparing and practising for the Harvest Festival which is to be held in St Thomas' Church on Monday at 1.30pm

The Halloween Disco is on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 6 to 8.30pm at Robinson Institute

Spooky Stories Drama Day, Robinson Institute, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10 am to 3 pm. There are still places available for this workshop organised by Stephen Joseph Theatre with Glaisdale PTFA and supported by Beggar's Bridge Players. It is hoped to build on this initiative and deliver more drama opportunities in future.

Glaisdale Playgroup soup lunch fundraiser, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30am to 1.30pm at the Robinson Institute.

“The Ugly Duckling” by Northumberland Theatre Company, Robinson Institute, Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, doors open 6pm, finish 8.30pm.